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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2005–06 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1848

Introduced by Assembly Member Bermudez

January 12, 2006

An act to ~~add Section 8592.10 to~~ *amend Section 8592.6* of the Government Code relating to homeland security.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1848, as amended, Bermudez. Homeland security: interoperable public safety communication network.

Existing law provides for the coordination of state and local public safety agencies and emergency response teams to respond to emergencies. Existing law administered by the Federal Communications Commission authorizes public safety agencies or entities to operate radio communication systems on specified frequencies of the radio spectrum and directs states to oversee the interoperability of the public safety spectrum.

~~Existing law, by executive order, also establishes in the Governor's office the Office of Homeland Security for the purpose of, among other things, coordinating security activities throughout California and coordinating and approving all state requests for federal funds designated for terrorism-related activities.~~

~~This bill would require the Governor's Office of Homeland Security, in consultation with the California Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee in the Office of Emergency Services and the Public Safety Radio Strategic Planning Committee, to adopt a plan for the establishment of, and funding for, a statewide integrated, interoperable public safety communication network. The bill would~~

~~require the office to develop a performance standard for public safety communications interoperability before July 1, 2007, and would require the office to file a report to the Joint Rules Committee of the Legislature by August 1, 2007, on the performance standard for interoperability among state and local public safety agency communication devices, as specified.~~

Existing law also establishes the Public Safety Radio Strategic Planning Committee responsible for implementing a statewide integrated public safety communication system using federally specified frequencies to facilitate interoperability among specified public safety departments and requires the committee to report annually to the Legislature regarding the committee's progress.

This bill would designate the annual report to serve as the state strategic plan for establishing a statewide integrated interoperable public safety communications network and would require the report to include implementation strategies and timelines.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 8592.6 of the Government Code is
2 amended to read:
3 8592.6. (a) The committee shall report to the Legislature by
4 January 1 of each year on the committee's progress in
5 implementing this article.
6 (b) (1) *The annual report shall serve as the state's strategic*
7 *plan to establish a statewide integrated, interoperable public*
8 *safety communications network. The report shall include, but not*
9 *be limited to, implementation strategies and timelines to achieve*
10 *the goals and objectives set forth in the report. The*
11 *implementation strategies and timelines may include*
12 *identification of resource needs, possible funding sources,*
13 *prioritization of expenditures, and the development of common*
14 *protocols that build upon industry and governmental standards*
15 *for interoperability as set forth in paragraphs (1) and (2) of*
16 *subdivision (a) of Section 8592.5 that will advance the*
17 *integration of local, regional, and statewide interoperable public*
18 *safety communication networks. The report shall be updated*

1 *annually, as strategies, timelines, goals and objectives are*
2 *accomplished or changed.*

3 *(2) In developing the report, the committee, at its discretion,*
4 *shall consult with any other federal, state, regional, or local*
5 *entity with responsibility for developing, operating, or*
6 *monitoring interoperability of the public safety spectrum, and*
7 *other first response agencies. The report may include*
8 *recommendations for federal, state, regional, or local entities to*
9 *coordinate resources and the development of common protocols*
10 *to advance the integration of local, regional, and statewide*
11 *interoperable public safety communication networks.*

12 *(c) The report will include a complete listing of purchases by*
13 *state departments of public safety radio communications*
14 *equipment, for which a waiver of subdivision (a) of Section*
15 *8592.5 was granted by the committee.*

16 ~~SECTION 1. Section 8592.10 is added to the Government~~
17 ~~Code, to read:~~

18 ~~8592.10. (a) The Governor's Office of Homeland Security,~~
19 ~~in consultation with the Statewide Interoperability Executive~~
20 ~~Committee and the Public Safety Radio Strategic Planning~~
21 ~~Committee, shall adopt a plan for the establishment of, and~~
22 ~~funding for, a statewide integrated, interoperable public safety~~
23 ~~communication network.~~

24 ~~(b) Before July 1, 2007, the office shall develop a performance~~
25 ~~standard that builds upon the federal Project 25 public safety~~
26 ~~communications interoperability guidelines of the American~~
27 ~~National Standards Institute.~~

28 ~~(c) The performance standard adopted by the office shall~~
29 ~~incorporate open standards for communication systems and~~
30 ~~devices, and require that those systems and devices be backward~~
31 ~~compatible. The office shall file a final report, with~~
32 ~~recommendations to the Joint Rules Committee of the~~
33 ~~Legislature by August 1, 2007. The report shall include~~
34 ~~recommendations for a phase-in period for the governance of~~
35 ~~interoperable communications systems.~~

36 ~~(d) Any interoperable communications devices or equipment~~
37 ~~already owned by a state or local public safety agency that~~
38 ~~functionally meets the requirements of this section shall be~~
39 ~~deemed qualified under the standard set forth in this section. New~~

1 ~~systems purchased after August 1, 2007, shall meet the standards~~
 2 ~~set forth in this section.~~

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5 **CORRECTIONS:**

6 **Heading - Line 2.**

7 **Digest - Page 2.**

8 **Text - Pages 2 and 3.**

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